

REMARKS

By this amendment, applicants have amended claim 3 to be independent form by including therein all of the limitations of claims 1 and 2, from which claim 3 previously depended. Applicants have amended the dependency of claims 5 and 7 to depend from claim 3 and have canceled claim 22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of the cancellation of claim 22, the rejection of this claim under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph, and this rejection of this claim under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) in numbered sections 2 and 4 of the Office Action are moot.

In response to the obviousness-type double patenting rejections, including the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejections, in numbered sections 6-19 of the Office Action, Applicants are submitting herewith timely filed and properly executed Terminal Disclaimers under 37 CFR 1.321(c). In view of the filing of the Terminal Disclaimers, reconsideration and withdrawal of the double patenting rejections are requested.

The Terminal Disclaimers have been filed in order to advance the prosecution of the application and the filing of the Terminal Disclaimers is not an admission of the propriety of the obviousness-type double patenting rejections.

Applicants note the Examiner has cited a number of documents as being pertinent to applicants' disclosure. However, since none of these documents was applied in rejecting the claims formerly in the application, further discussion of these documents is deemed unnecessary.

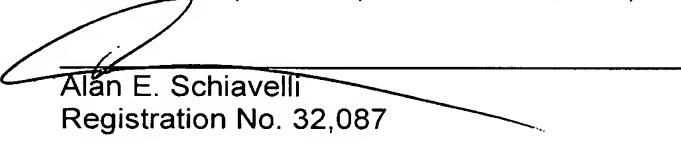
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now in the application are requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing

of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 1021.42949X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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